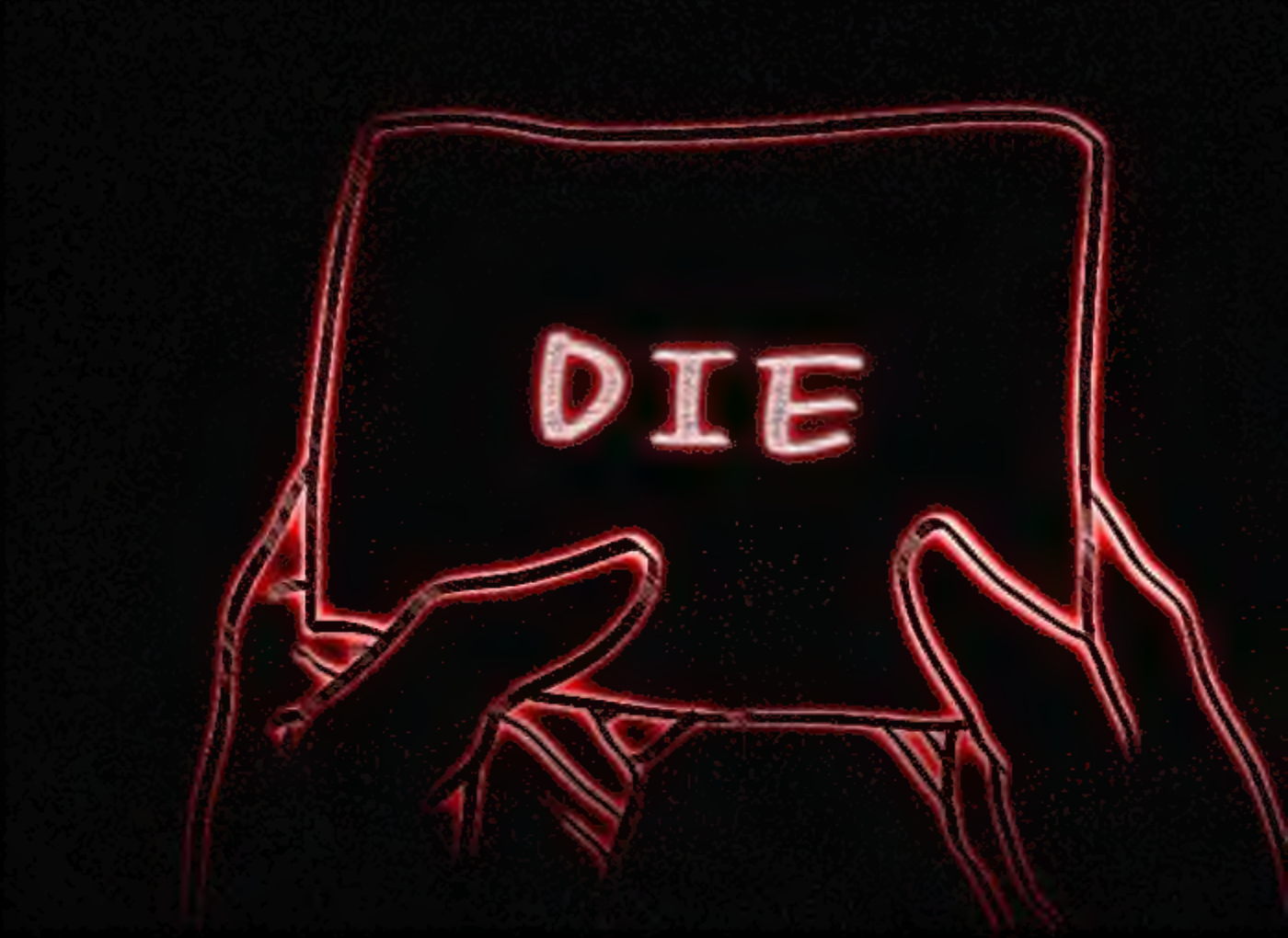
AH, OKAY.
LET'S HEAR IT.

AH, I'M SO TIRED ALL OF A SUDDEN. PROBABLY FROM STAYING UP ALL NIGHT.

WHAT?

HUH?

THE MOM USED HER LAST BIT OF
STRENGTH TO PUT AN ENVELOP
INTO HER DAUGHTER'S HAND.
AND THEN SHE SAID: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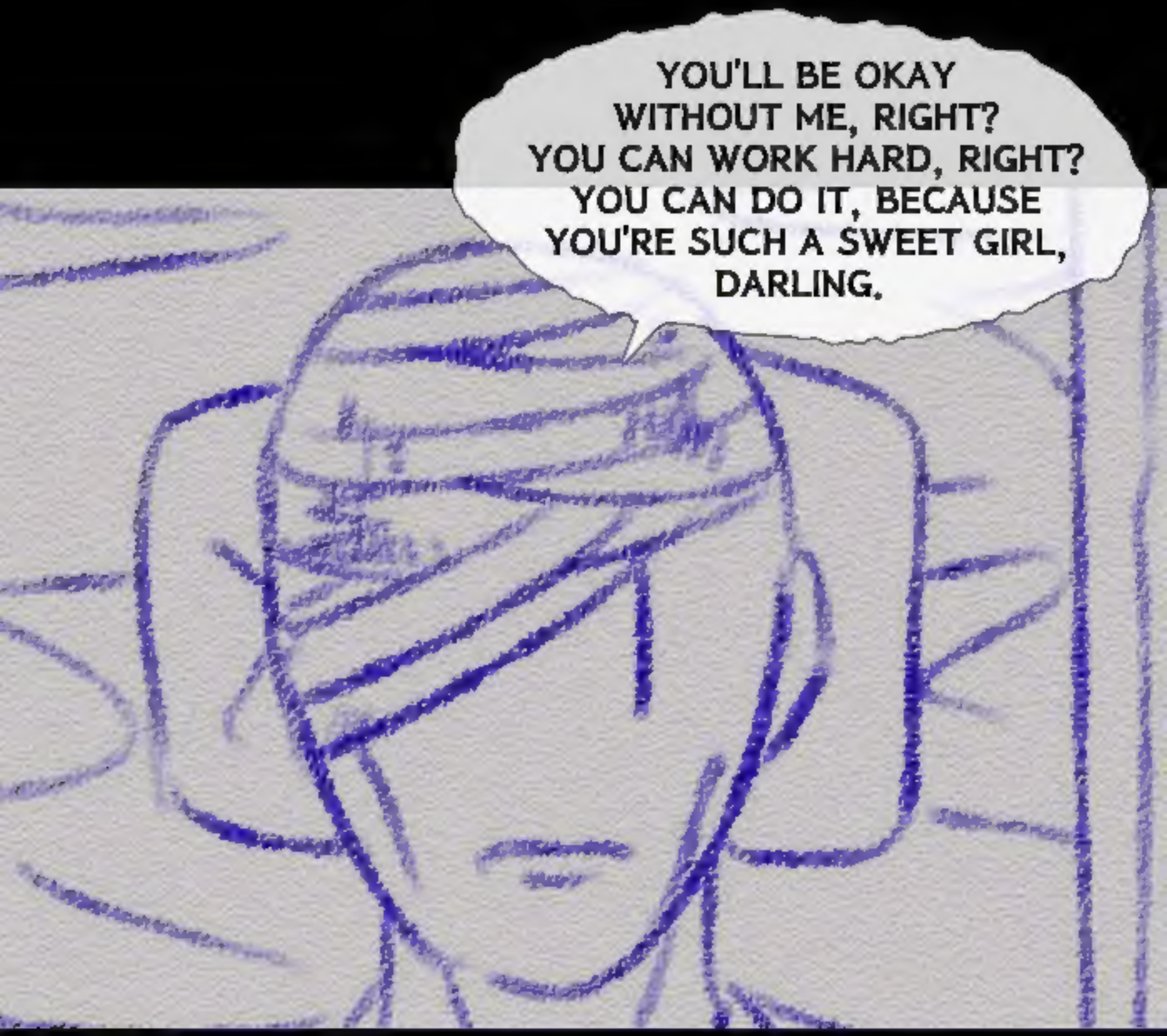
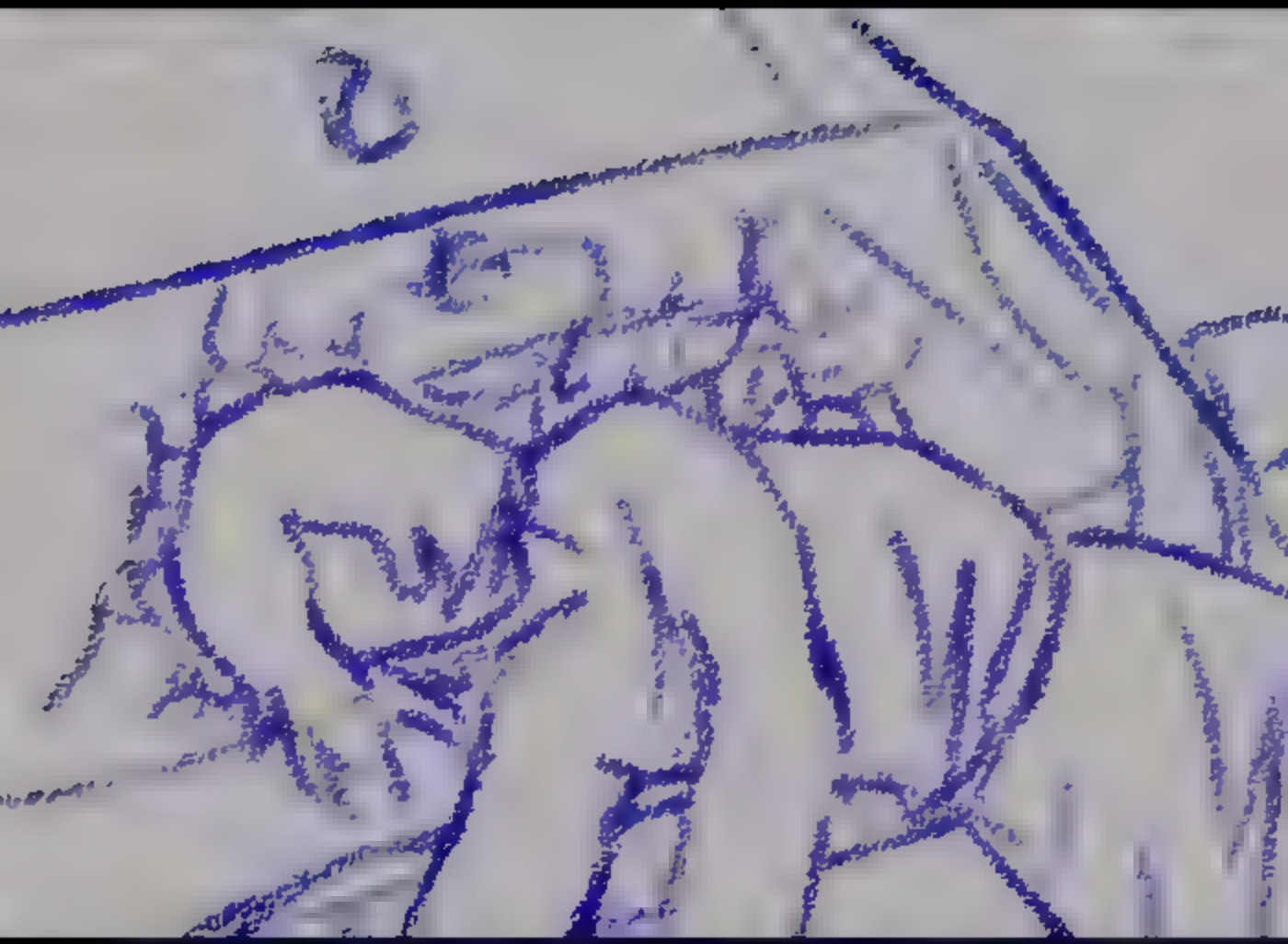

YOU'LL BE OKAY
WITHOUT ME, RIGHT?
YOU CAN WORK HARD, RIGHT?
YOU CAN DO IT, BECAUSE
YOU'RE SUCH A SWEET GIRL,
DARLING.

SHE FOUND THE ENVELOPE AND OPENED IT..

WE WERE
SO SURPRISED,
WE WENT A BIT CLOSER
TO GET A BETTER
LOOK AT IT.

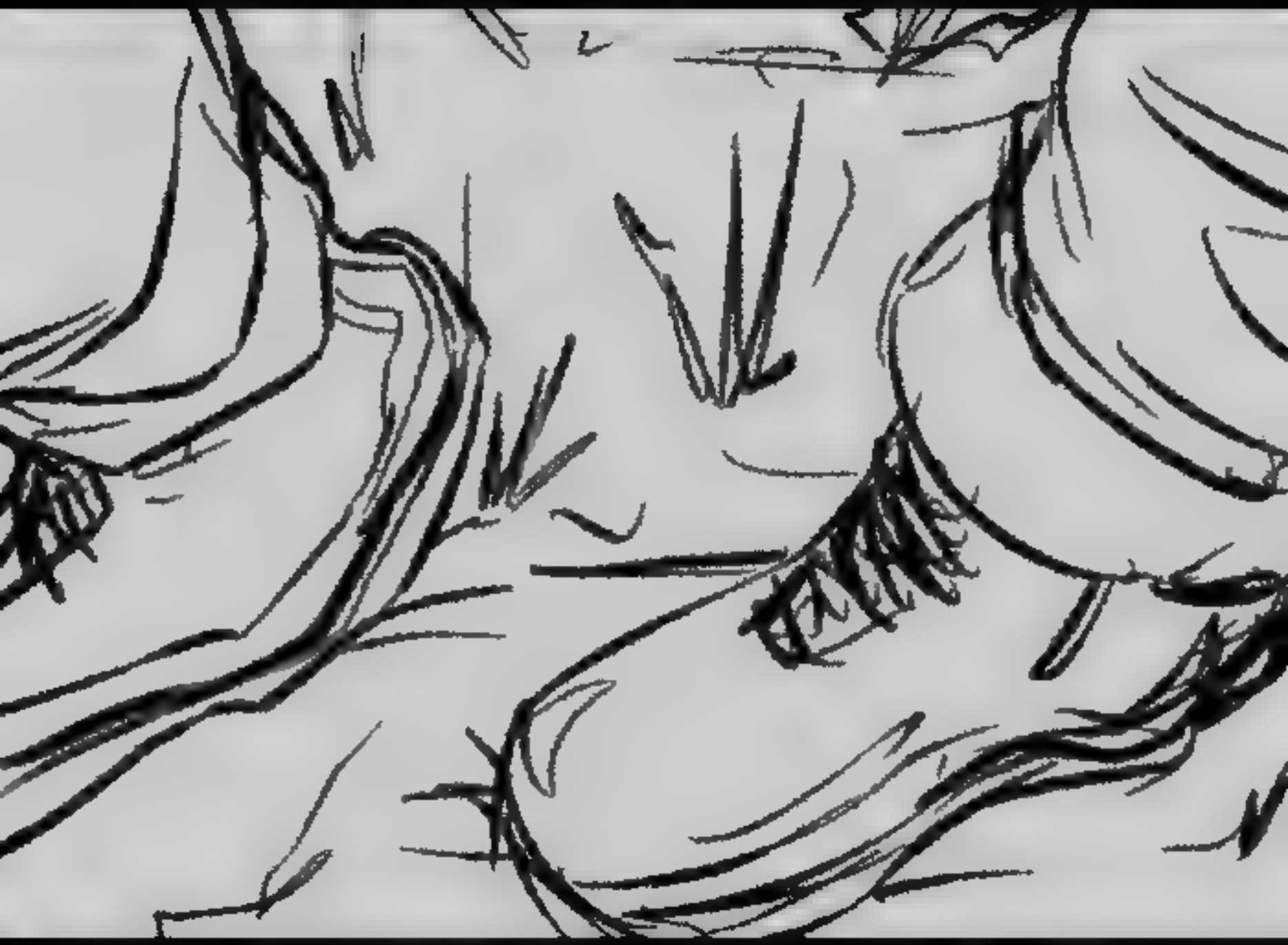
LET ME TELL ONE, WHILE EVERYONE'S IN THE MOOD.

WHEN HER MOM WENT OUT TO WORK
EARLY IN THE MORNING,
SHE WAS IN A HIT-AND-RUN ACCIDENT.



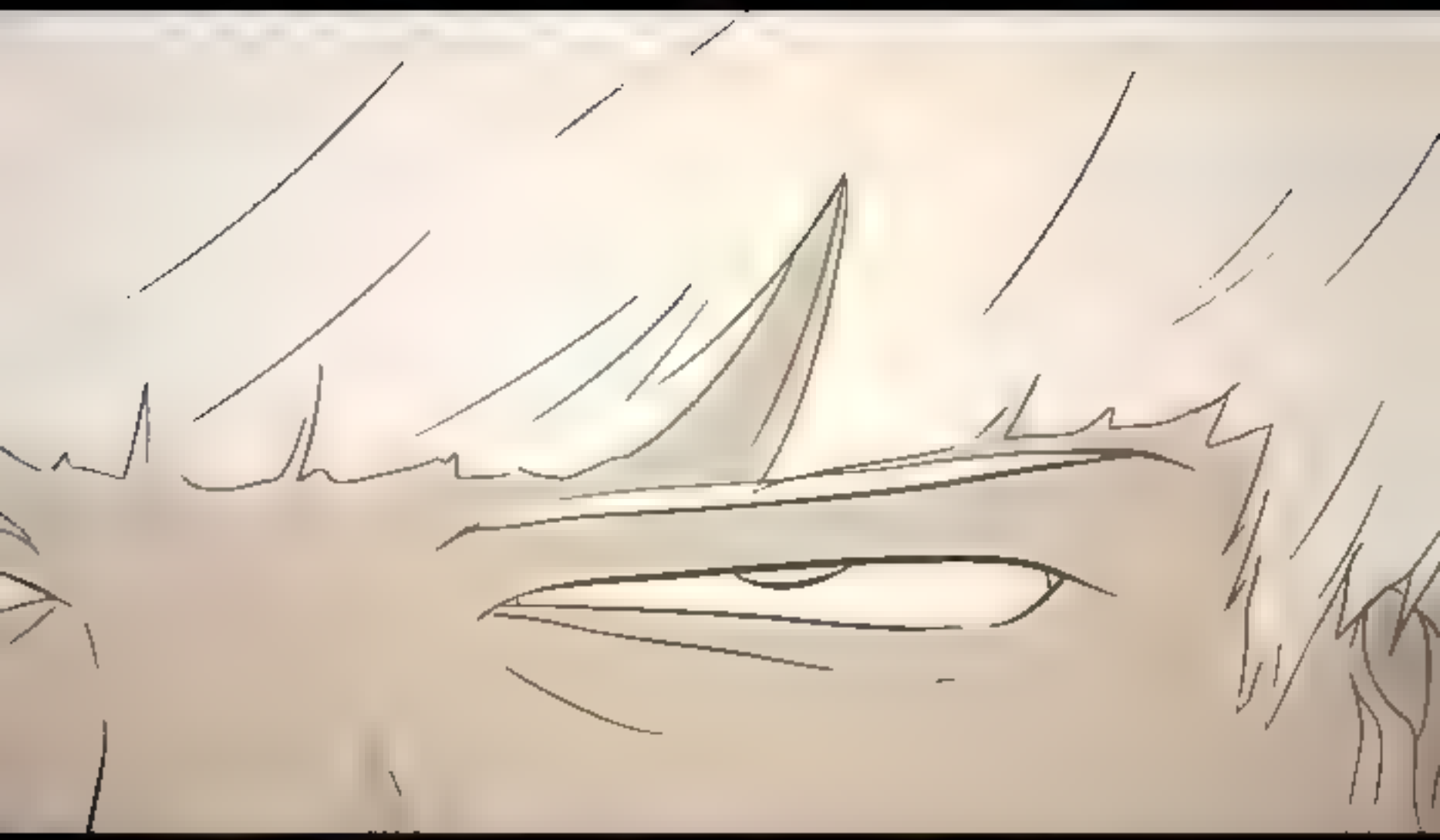
THE DOCTORS OPERATED ON HER AGAIN
AND AGAIN, BUT SHE JUST WOULDN'T GET BETTER.
THEY DECIDED THAT THERE WAS NO MORE HOPE
FOR HER SO THEY CALLED HER DAUGHTER,
HER ONLY FAMILY.

IT'S NOT
REALLY A STORY I WROTE...
IT'S SOMETHING THAT I ACTUALLY
EXPERIENCED WHILE I WAS
IN THE ARMY.



WE HAD ALREADY CROSSED THE MAIN RIVER, SO WE JUST FIGURED WE'D TAKE IT EASY AND KILL SOME TIME AS WE STROLLED DOWN THE RIVER BANK WITH A SENIOR OFFICER.

IN THAT SHANTY TOWN, THERE WAS
A MOTHER AND HER DAUGHTER WHO
LIVED IN THIS LITTLE ROOM WITH
NO SUNLIGHT. THE MOM WAS HARD-WORKING
AND THE DAUGHTER WAS KIND.
THEY JUST BARELY MANAGED TO GET BY
BUT THEY LIVED AS BEST AS THEY COULD.

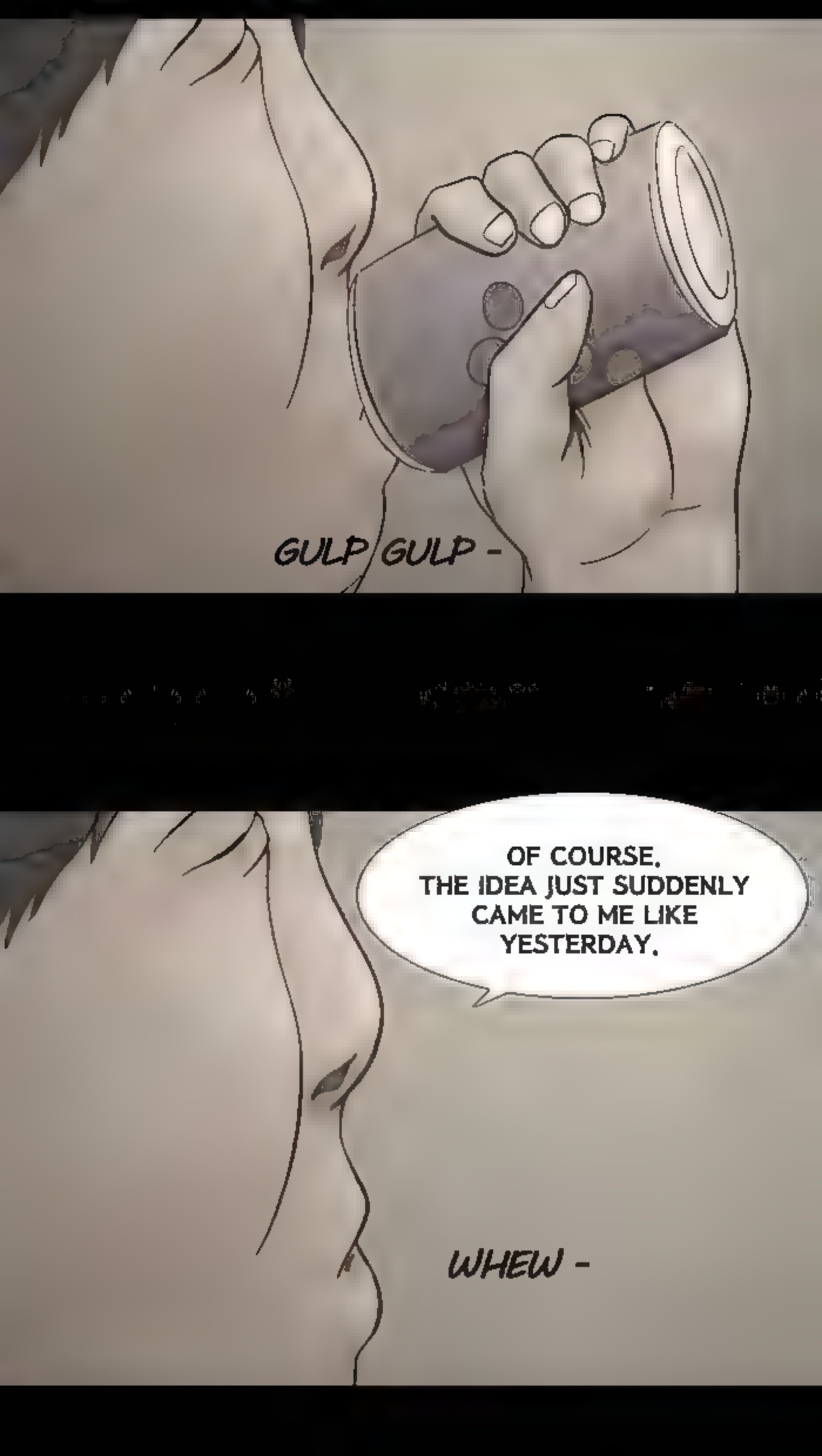


HAH.. WHAT A LIAR.
YOU DIDN'T WRITE IT YESTERDAY—

I BET YOU FOUND IT ON THE INTERNET YESTERDAY.
AND I THINK I MIGHT KNOW WHERE YOU GOT IT FROM.

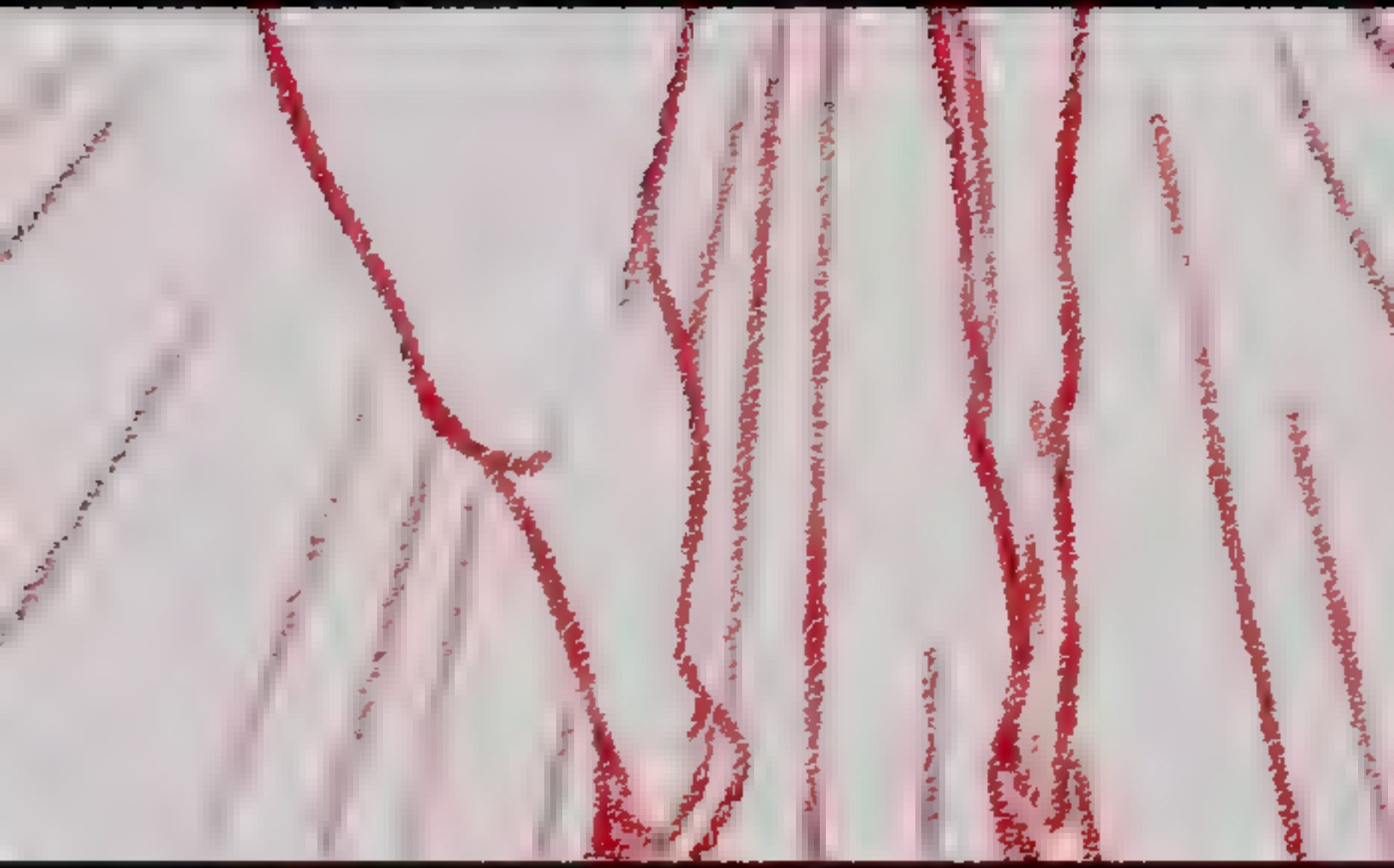
YOU SPENT ALL NIGHT WRITING THIS?

A PERSON'S HAIR??

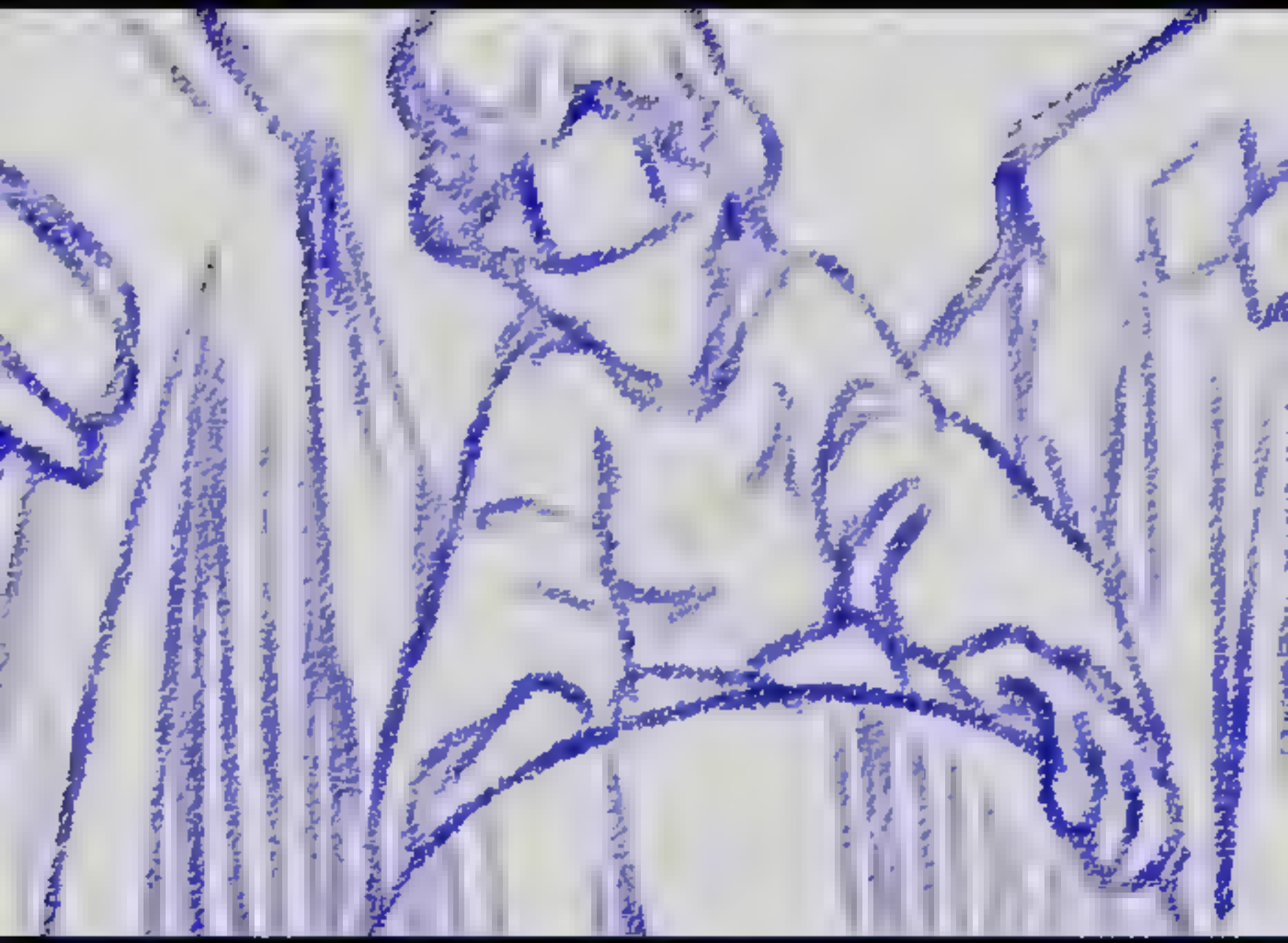

GULP GULP -
OF COURSE.
THE IDEA JUST SUDDENLY
CAME TO ME LIKE
YESTERDAY.
WHEW -

DAMN...
THAT GAVE ME
GOOSEBUMPS.

DID YOU REALLY
COME UP WITH
THIS STORY? IT'S SUCH
A DIFFERENT IDEA.



THE DAUGHTER COMPLETELY WORE
HERSELF OUT AFTER SPENDING
A FEW YEARS LIKE THAT. SHE SAW NO HOPE,
AND A GLOOMY FUTURE. SO SHE JUST CRIED
AND CRIED IN DESPAIR..



BUT... WELL,
TRAGEDIES NEVER END WELL.
DO THEY...?

SERGEANT SOHN, LOOK OVER THERE.

AND OUT FELL
A LETTER WRITTEN TO HER
FROM HER MOTHER.

ONE WORD.

I'M SORRY, SWEETIE...
I'M SO SORRY...

SO, THERE'S THIS SHANTY TOWN
NEAR WHERE I LIVE.

YOU KNOW,
THE KIND WHERE PEOPLE SHARE BATHROOMS,
AND IT GETS SO FREEZING IN THE WINTER
THAT THE TAPS DON'T EVEN WORK PROPERLY.

YOU KNOW,
THE WORLD ISN'T
AN EASY PLACE
TO LIVE IN.

IT CAN BE A ROUGH AND COLD PLACE FOR
SOMEONE WITH NOTHING. ESPECIALLY
A DISABLED GIRL WHO'S ALL ON HER OWN.

A FEW YEARS AGO,
THERE WAS THAT BIG FLOOD
IN GANGWON-DO,
RIGHT?

THIS ISN'T A TRUE STORY...
THAT'S TOTALLY SOMEONE ELSE'S STORY...

FRIDAY
FORBIDDEN TALES
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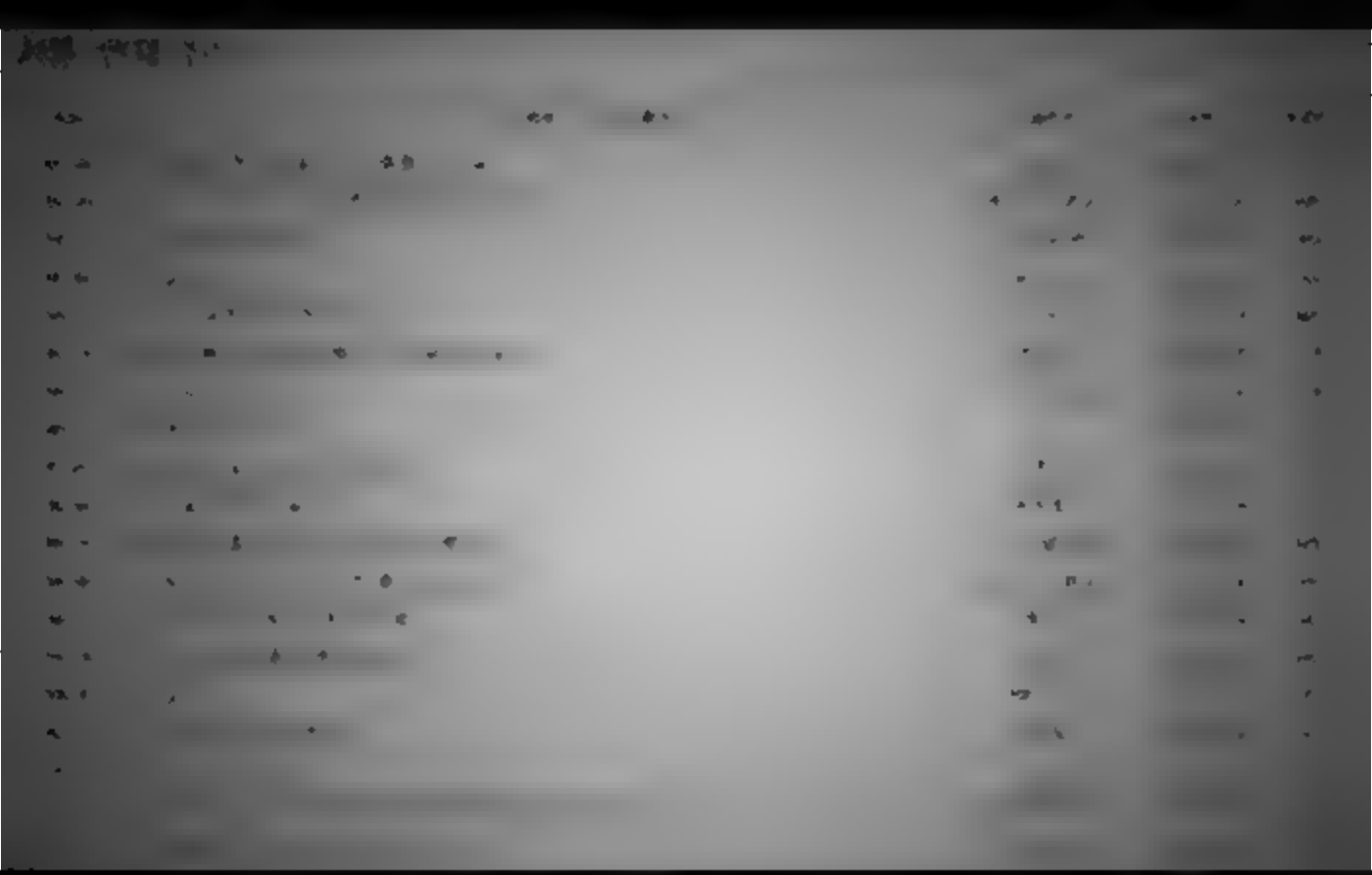
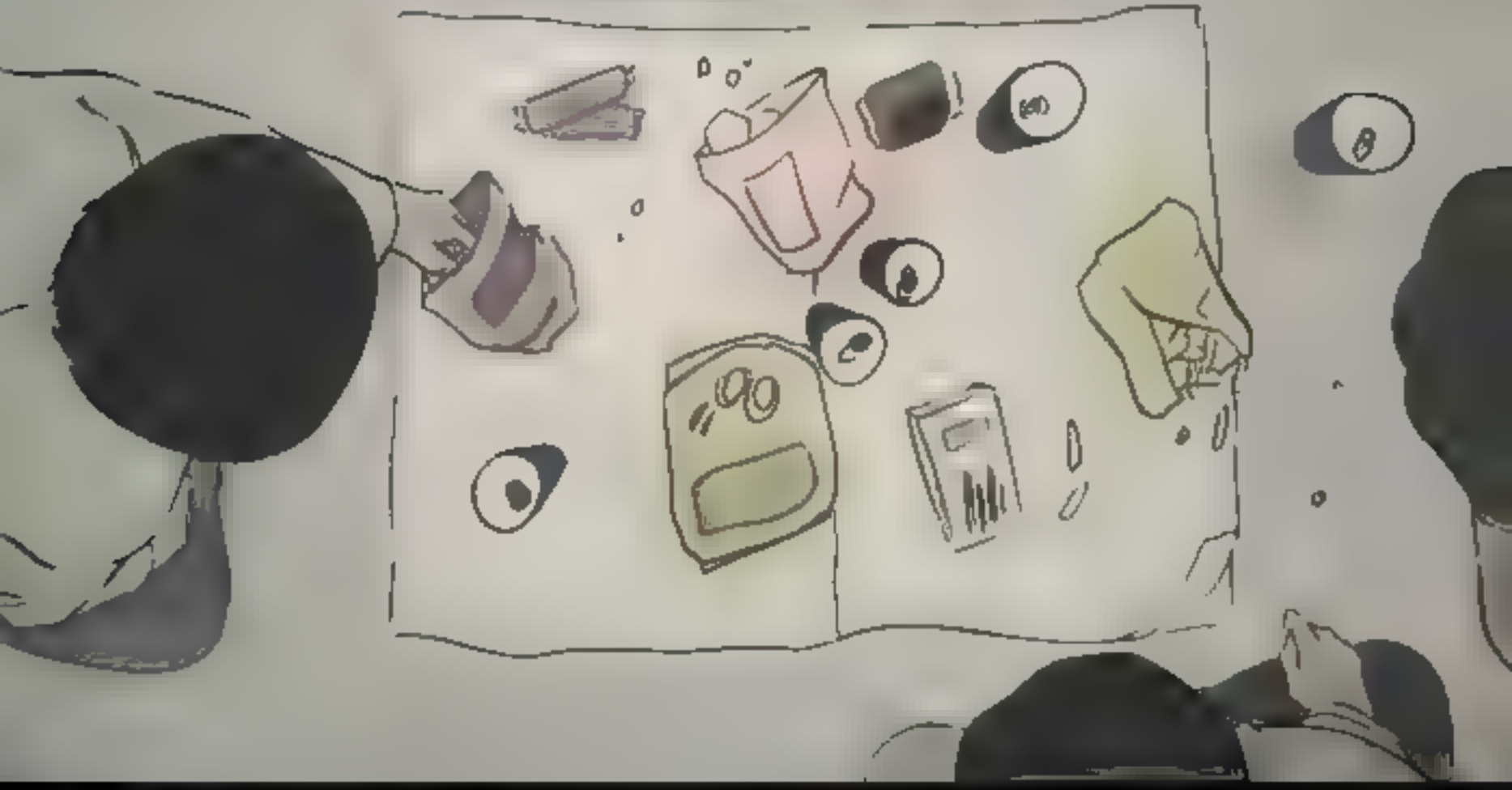


WHEN WE FIRST STARTED GETTING TOGETHER,
WE HAD THE GRAND ASPIRATION OF
BECOMING THE GREATEST HORROR
STORY-WRITING CLUB IN KOREA..

BUT NOT LONG AFTER,
WE STARTED RUNNING OUT
OF MOTIVATIONS AND IDEAS...

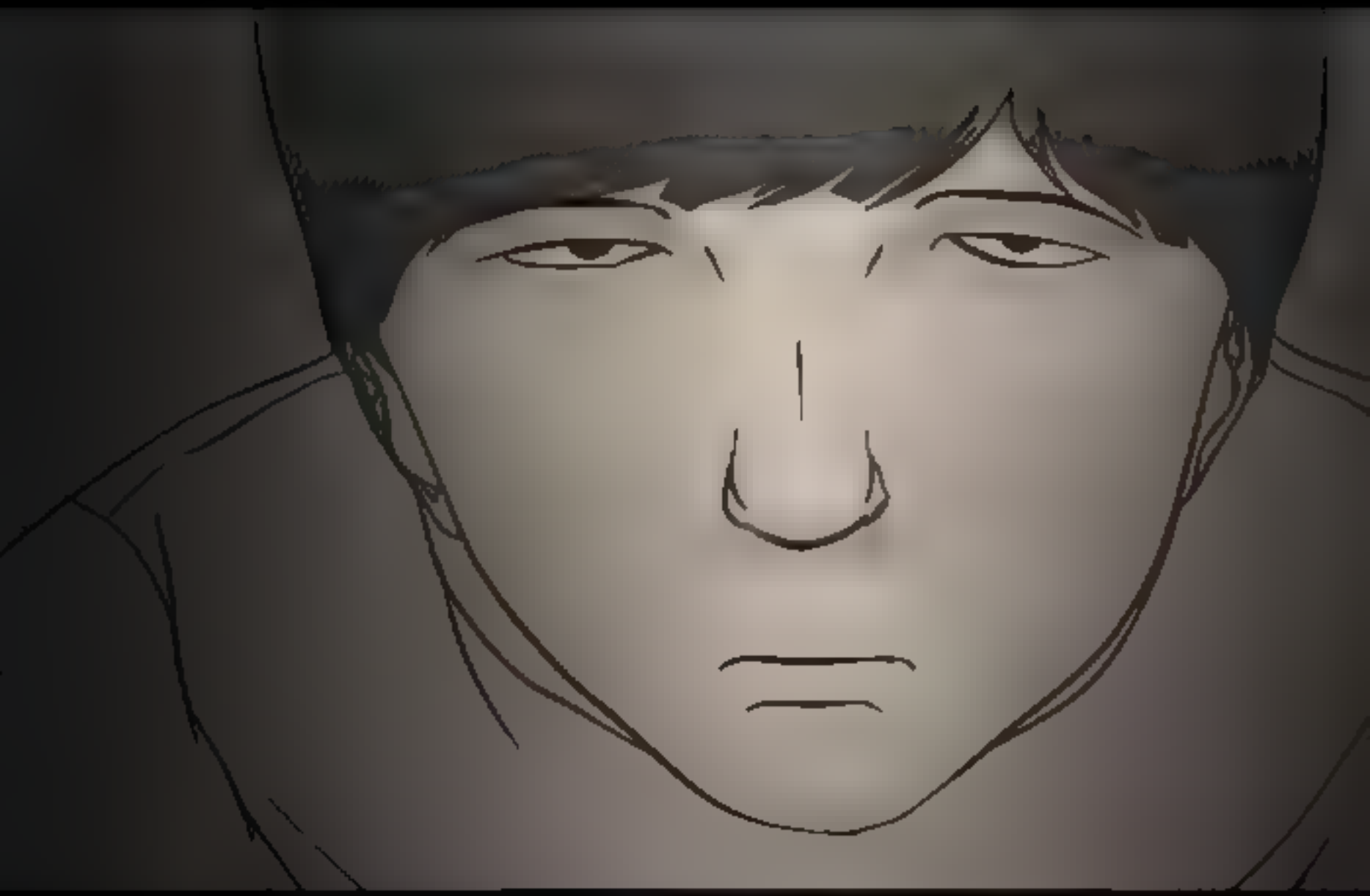
AND AT SOME POINT,
IT ENDED UP JUST BEING A GROUP WHERE
WE HANG OUT AND TELL SCARY STORIES.

WELL HER MOM ENDED UP PASSING AWAY, AND SO HER DAUGHTER, LEFT ALL ALONE, HAD TO STRUGGLE TO SURVIVE..



WHAT IS IT?
MONEY? MAYBE
A BANK BOOK,
OR A TITLE DEED?

THEN SHE REMEMBERED THE ENVELOPE HER MOTHER HAD GIVEN HER, WHEN SHE HAD SAID TO OPEN WHEN SHE WAS TIRED, AND STRESSED... AND FELT HOPELESS.



A TRUE STORY FROM THE ARMY?
I'M ALREADY FALLING ASLEEP.

START GETTING READY?

MOM.. DON'T GO, MOM... PLEASE... I'LL BE A BETTER DAUGHTER,

MAN,
ARE YOU KIDDING...?
WE'RE NOT SLAVES
HERE.

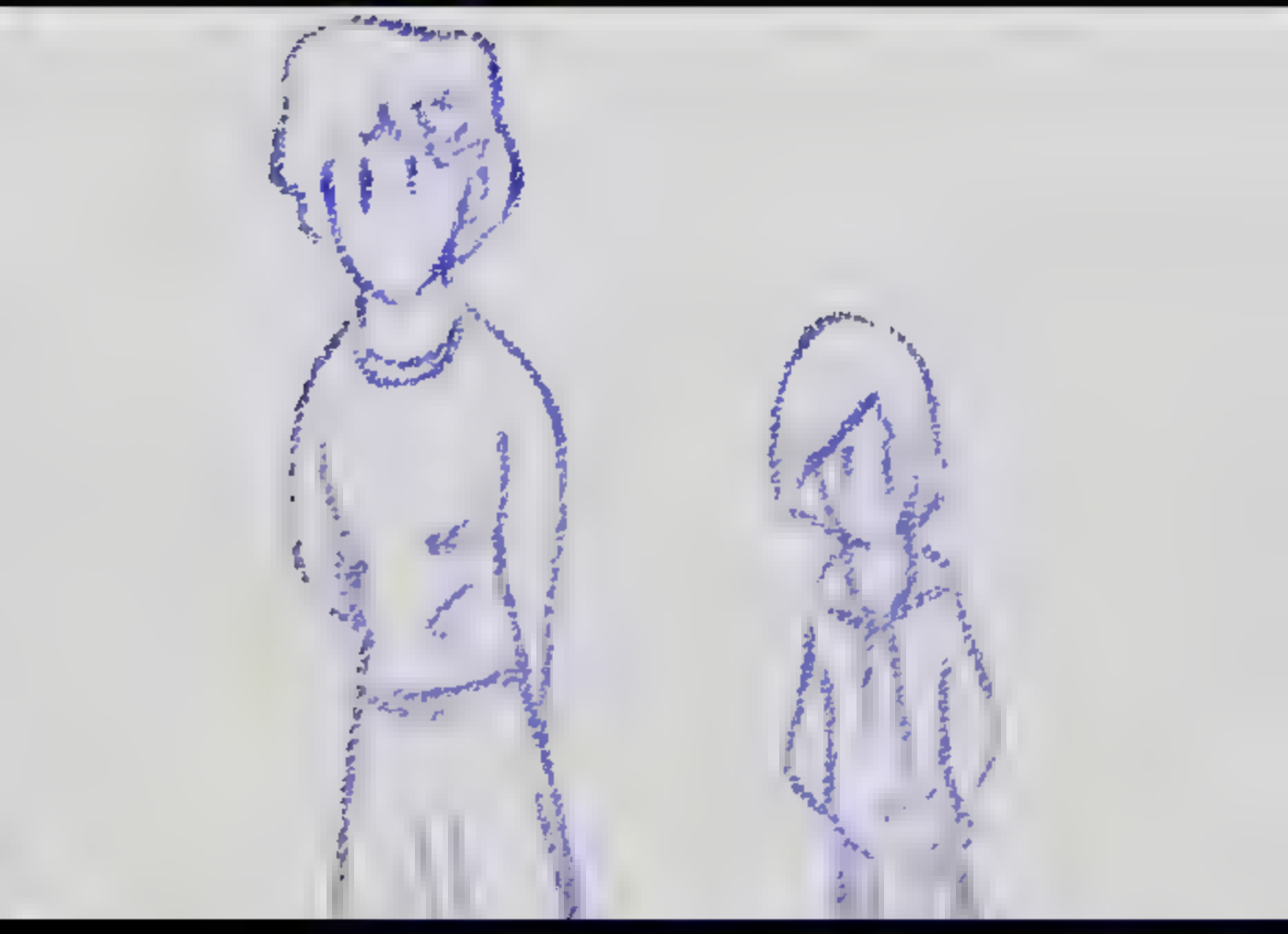
WE ALL COMPLAINED AS WE HEADED
TO THE TOWN. THEY SAID
IT WAS A "CIVILIAN ASSISTANCE MISSION"
BUT WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY DECENT GEAR.
IT WAS JUST BASICALLY FOR SHOW.

THE MOTHER FELT SO HURT EVERY TIME
SHE SAW HER DAUGHTER, BECAUSE
IF SHE HAD JUST GOTTEN HER DAUGHTER
THE POLIO VACCINATION,
THIS WOULD'VE NEVER HAPPENED.

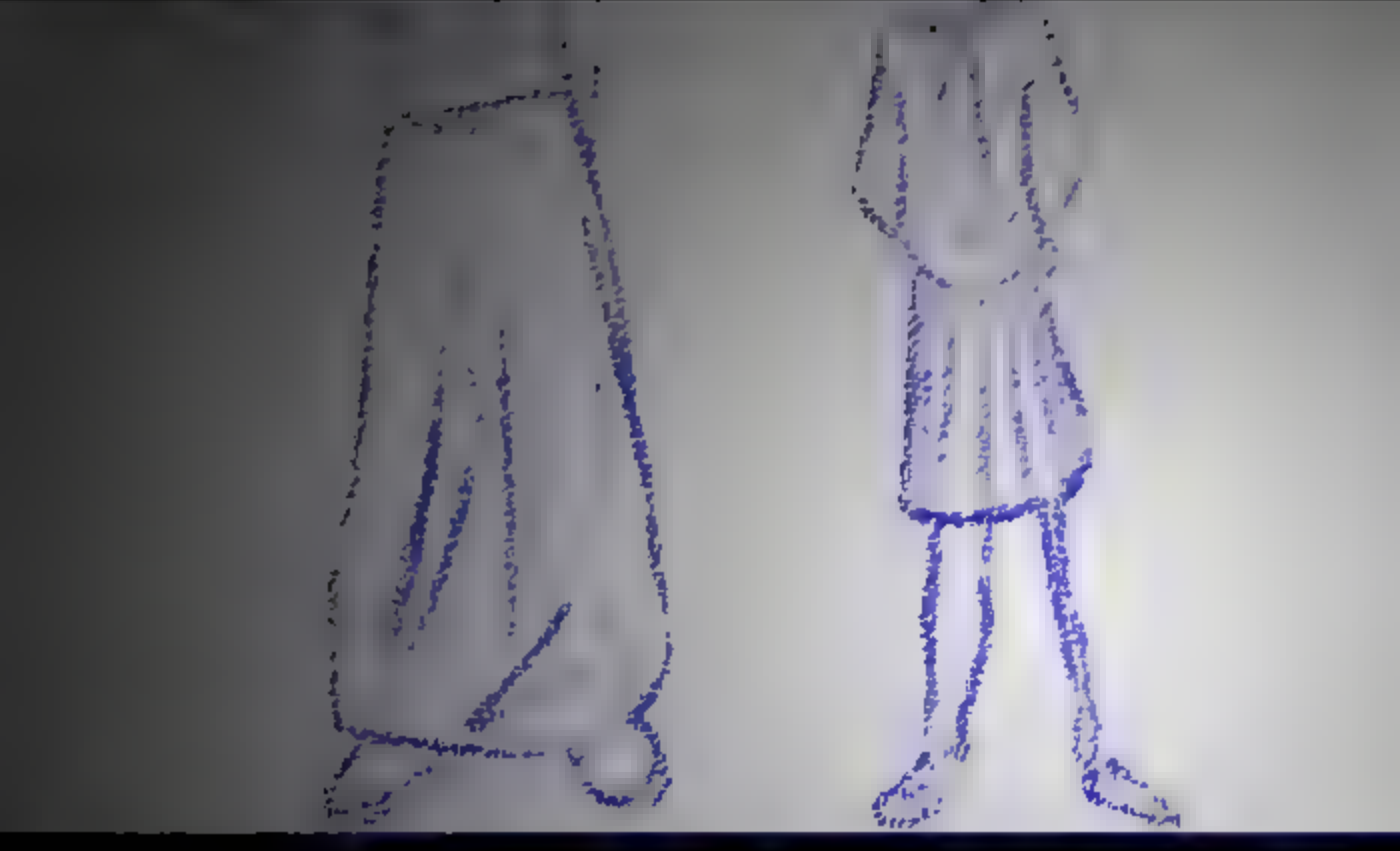
THE MOTHER CONSTANTLY BLAMED HERSELF,
SAYING THAT HER OWN STUPIDITY RUINED
HER DAUGHTER'S LIFE, AND SHE WORKED
AS HARD AS SHE COULD SO THE TWO OF
THEM COULD HAVE A DECENT LIFE.

WHEN YOU FEEL DOWN AND STRESSED... AND YOU FEEL LIKE THERE'S NO HOPE LEFT, OPEN THIS.

WELL,
AT LEAST IT LOOKS LIKE
EVERYONE'S PRETTY INTO IT...



BUT THE SAD THING IS THAT THE DAUGHTER HAD A POLIO SO ONE OF HER LEGS COMPLETELY STOPPED GROWING.



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IT PROBABLY HAPPENED DURING THE FIRST YEAR OR MY SERVICE.
AFTER WORKING ON THE CANAL ALL DAY.
WE FINALLY THOUGHT WE'D GET TO REST.
BUT THEN WE GOT AN ORDER TO GO HELP SOME CIVILIANS.

I'VE HEARD THIS ONE BEFORE TOO.

HE PROBABLY SAW SOMETHING LIKE HUMAN HAIR.